



Autumn Conference 2024

21st & 22nd November, Marriott Royal Hotel, Bristol

Creating places fit for the future: our past, our present, our future

Please note the programme is subject to change

The future of our places is shaped by the actions and decisions of the past and present generations. We are a product of our history. Every place has a story and a story still to be told.

As place directors we have a responsibility to actively shape the places of the future, to be mindful of our cultural heritage and past and the needs of future generations, while we make decisions today.

Our places are dynamic entities, multi-levelled and multifaceted, with physical form, identity and feel, giving many people a sense of belonging. Whether you live, work or visit a place, it all happens within a geographic space. So what do these spaces look like in the future? Engaging with the past and present is essential in planning our future.

The ADEPT Autumn Conference will provide an opportunity to reflect on our past, our present and consider how we create our future places.

Why is this important?

We are the practitioners shaping place, planning, strategy and policy for now and for the future. To succeed, we need a blend of professional expertise and diverse teams, innovative, creativity and collaboration.

It is impossible to predict the future, but we can use insight, trends and science to identify the potential big issues for our next generation:

- Demographics, including an ageing population
- Housing
- Jobs and economic prosperity
- Climate change impacts - rising sea levels, increased flood risk
- Loss of biodiversity
- Food and energy security
- Geopolitical tensions and political stability
- The evolving future of AI – opportunities and threats

The future opportunities for people and places are endless, the challenges complex and the need to embrace innovation greater than ever. Integrating long term thinking and involving young people into decision making will help future proof our places for the next generations.

Thursday 21 st November	
09:00	Welcome & introduction Ann Carruthers – ADEPT President
09:15	<p>Plenary 1: Future proofing local government</p> <p><i>Chair: Sophie Broadfield, Chair, ADEPT South West Board</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Angela Jones, ADEPT 1st Vice President • Mike Batherham, Market Director - Local Transport, AtkinsRéalis • Jonathan Werran, Localis • Lorna Baxter, Association of LA Treasurer Societies (ALATS) • James Browne, Head of Work, Income and Inequality Analysis, Tony Blair Institute for Global Change
10:30	<i>BREAK</i>
11:00	<p>Plenary 2: Are nature markets the silver bullet to investment in nature recovery?</p> <p><i>Chair: Carolyn McKenzie, Chair, ADEPT Environment Board</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alexa Culver, Environment Bank • Helen Avery, Director, Nature Programmes & GFI Hive, Green Finance Institute • Tony Juniper, Chair, Natural England
12:15	<p>DLUHC ministerial address</p> <p>Chair: Ann Carruthers, ADEPT President</p>
12:45	LUNCH
13:45	<p>Plenary 3: Housing fit for the future</p> <p><i>Chair: Chris Henning, Chair, ADEPT Sustainable Growth Board</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delivering on the government’s ambition for housing <i>James Prestwich, Executive Director of Policy and External Affairs, Chartered Institute of Housing</i> • The role of housing in levelling up health and wellbeing and addressing inequalities <i>Warren Lever, Hampshire County Council</i> • Rebuilding the capacity and confidence of the social housing sector <i>Marie Chadwick, National Housing Federation</i>
15:00	<i>BREAK</i>
	Workshop sessions
15:15 – 16:15	<p>Workshop 1: Delivering clean and locally generated energy</p> <p>Focusing on the importance of Local Area Energy Planning, its relationship to the Regional Energy System Planner and how together this can support the government’s new <i>Mission Control for Clean Power 2030</i>. This aims to accelerate the UK transition away from fossil fuel and towards clean and</p>

	locally generated energy. This will also need to include the work undertaken on strategic spatial planning to support delivery of energy infrastructure to speed up grid connections.
	<p>Workshop 2: Empowering Independence: Streamlining School Transport for Better Outcomes</p> <p>Unlock practical strategies to manage demand for travel, tackle the financial challenge and empower young people through independent travel. This session will use case studies and travel to school model to help place leaders deliver better outcomes that cost less. Featuring expert insights from Place and Children's Services, this session delivers actionable steps to enhance school transport efficiency.</p>
	<p>Workshop 3: Shaping the future built environment through innovation</p> <p>Detail to follow</p>
16:15 – 17:15	<p>Workshop 4: Building a future fit workforce / skills revolution</p> <p>Overcoming poverty of aspiration: turbocharging collaboration between industry, local government and the education sector</p>
	<p>Workshop 5: Place based decarbonisation</p> <p>Detail to follow</p>
	<p>Workshop 6: Funding Regeneration</p> <p>How do we learn from recent years to maximise funding streams emerging from the new government and ensure they deliver strong economic opportunity and social value for our communities, working with public sector partners and the private sector?</p>
17:30 – 18:15	General Meeting
19:00	Drinks reception and conference dinner
DAY TWO – FRIDAY 22nd NOVEMBER	
09:00	<p>Plenary 4: Future voices – ensuring young people’s voices are represented and heard in placemaking</p> <p><i>Chair: Katie Stewart, Co-chair, ADEPT South East Board</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sharad Kerai, CIHT Apprentice of the Year • Matt Springett, MATT+FIONA • Bristol Youth Council (name tbc)
10:15	<i>BREAK</i>
10:45	<p>Plenary 5: Making a stronger case for place</p> <p><i>Chair: Nigel Riglar, Chair, ADEPT Climate Change Board and PACE Programme participant</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advocating for stronger places Angela Jones & Alexandra Paz, British Academy

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning for stronger places Nicola Butterworth & Matt O’Neill, Barnsley Council • Investing for stronger places Bill Cotton & Mark Bousfield, Aviva • Stronger place assessment tool Mark Ryder & Danny Wilson, Amey
12:00	<p>Closing Remarks Ann Carruthers - ADEPT President</p>
12:15	Close of the Conference & Lunch